

**Business Area #8:**  
**Massachusetts Avenue**  
**Corridor**

**Boundaries:** bordered by Waterhouse Street, Garden Street, Sherman Street, B&M Railroad, Oxford Street, Everett Street, Massachusetts Avenue.

Major areas of Business, Retail, and Industrial concentration include: retail shops, restaurants and offices between 1540 to 1880 Massachusetts Avenue, businesses and offices on Garden, Sherman and Oxford Streets.



*1500-1900 Massachusetts Avenue*

There has not been a significant **commercial break** (2 incidents) in this corridor since 1997. Directed patrols have been effective in eradicating the weekend night breaks into restaurants and variety stores that plagued this area for a number of years. The two breaks in 2002 were disparate incidents involving the theft of receipts from a restaurant and tools taken from a construction site trailer. • A robbery involving extortion and the collection of a bad debt and the strong-armed theft from a Mass Ave restaurant were the two **commercial robberies** reported in the Mass Ave corridor during the first six months of this year. • **Larceny from the building** (+31%) was concentrated at a local health club with the predominant time frame around lunchtime on weekday. In a number of these thefts, significant transactions were made with stolen credit cards. • **Shoplifting** is not a major problem in the Mass Ave corridor. The four scattered incidents in the first six months of the year were at a clothing store in the Porter Exchange. • Four of the six **larceny from the person** (+20%) were the theft of wallets from diners at Mass Ave restaurants.

CRIME	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2001	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2002	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	16	21	+31%
Larceny from Person	5	6	+20%
Commercial Burglary	1	2	+100%
Commercial Robbery	1	2	+100%
Shoplifting	2	4	+100%
Fraud/Film Flam/Counterfeiting	12	8	-33%